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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 14 June 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

NOTE: Please find attached the initialed form 1449 and comments by the examiner regarding the art cited thereon.

  
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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on June 25, 2004 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on May 18, 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. EP 564306 is similar to the claimed product since it teaches a hydroentangled nonwoven fabric with a binder coating and a print design added to the coated product. However, the claimed invention is still allowable over EP 564306 since EP 564306 applies a printed design to the nonwoven fabric while the binder is still liquid, while the present invention dyes the nonwoven product after the elastomeric coating is dried. Hence, the present invention would uniformly dye the fibers throughout the nonwoven fabric instead of just applying a printed design to the surface of the fabric.

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